Vaitarana (Bombay-IV) Water Supply project.

(f) Under the ongoing World Bank aided three Bombay Water Supply and Sewerage Project, against the project cost of Rs. 915 crores, about Rs. 400 crores has been spent by the Municipal Corporation of Greater Bombay on the implementation/completion of various works.

Assistance to Maharashtra for Slums

7538. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have provided any Central assistance or World Bank assistance to the Government of Maharashtra for slums and Jhuggi Jhopri cluster etc.; and

(b) if so, the nature of assistance provided during the last three years yearwise and allocation for 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) Urban Employment is a state subject. Specific schemes of slums clearance/improvement are formulated and implemented by the State Governments in accordance with their needs and priorities. The present policy of the Government lays emphasis on the Environmental Improvement of Urban Slums rather than their massive clearance and resettlement. However, in 1985, a special grant of Rs. 100 crores was announced by the Union Govt. to the Govt. of Maharashtra to tackle the acute problems of slums and housing in Bombay. The amount earmarked for the last three years i.e. from 1991-92 to 1993-94 is as folows:—

Years	Rs. in crores
1991-92	3.00
1992-93	7.50
1993-94	4.50

There was no allocation during 1994-95 as the targetted amount of Rs. 100 crores was already released to Maharashtra.

Shortage of potable water in Maharashtra

7539. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Central Government to help the State Government of Maharashtra which is facing acute shortage of potable water in its various districts; and

(b) the details and extent of shortage of potable water assessed by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) Urban Water Supply is a State subject. Based on the demand of water in a particular urban agglomeration, the water supply schemes are framed, implemented, operated and maintained by State Agencies. Funds are provided by the Planning Commission in the State Sector for meeting the requirement of water supply and sanitation. However, under the Centrally Sponsored accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme for towns having population 20,000 and below, six towns were selected for Central assistance and an amount of Rs. 85.36 lakhs and Rs. 92.50 lakhs of the Central share for 1993 and 1994-95 respectively has been released to the State Government. As per the guidelines issued on the subject, a State Level Selection Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary to the State Govt., Incharge of Urban Water Supply alongwith other members as stipulated in the guidelines will select the new towns for providing potable drinking water to the inhabitants.

(b) The State Government has reported shortage of potable water in 14 districts mentioned below:—

1. Jalgaon
2. Ahmednagar